

June 23, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, June 23, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant, 1303 Washington St.

Present: John Spillane, Ken Fettig, Roger Turner and David Sullivan. Also, Rick Mattson, Supt. of Sewer and Water and Scott Gustafson, Asst. Superintendent of Sewer and Water.

Motion Made by Ken Fettig to accept the minutes of June 9, 2014 with the recommended corrections being made. Second by David Sullivan. Vote 4-0-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S STATUS REPORT

Mr. Graceffa of 11 Hoover Road is present for this report. Mr. Mattson talks about the Novis report who has recommended getting Counsel involved in writing a letter to post for abutters. He does not see a need to get Counsel involved at this time, the Health Agent, Robin should be able to get guidance from the EPA or DEP. Apparently contamination is off site somewhat and is not in the footprint of the old tank. In any event it needs to be remediated and if current funds are not sufficient they may have to seek additional money at the FATM. Mr. Spillane asks if there was ever a transformer on site and Mr. Mattson responds that he does not recall there ever being one. Mr. Mattson then reports that his crew has one more connection on North St. and then they will put a leveling course. It is hopeful that they will be out of there in about a week and then they will move on to Edgewood Ave. and Field Dr. His plan is to have his crew do these two jobs as he has confidence in their ability and although there were mistakes made on North St. they learned from them. There will be a significant savings by the crew doing the jobs. After that he will have his crew install the sewer on Eastland Circle. There is a gray area where when Town Meeting voted the article for this it was 50% abutters and 50% town, now it is 75% abutters and 25% town. He has explained this and the abutters are still on board for the 75/25. Mr. Mattson then speaks of the Water Management Act and the report by Wright-Pierce after review of the draft WMA and how it will impact Walpole. Mr. Fettig asks if we will join with other towns and Mr. Mattson says yes. He then speaks of our odd/even Water Management Policy and the fact that it is working well and there were 13 warnings issued. Mr. Graceffa's letter of denial for damages from the Town's insurance company is discussed. It basically states that the Town did its due diligence and there is no mechanism for the Town to reimburse. If Mr. Graceffa wishes to proceed then he would have to file a claim in court.

BD. OF APPEALS REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, CASE 10-14, 5 SHADY LA., AND T. ENG. COMMENTS

It is asked that a letter be sent to the Board of Appeals stating that this Board concurs with the comments of the Town Engineer.

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SHORT LIST FOR RFQ MORNINGSIDE DR/ALLSTON DR.

The requests for qualifications are discussed. The Commission agrees that Mr. Mattson would be the most likely person to know which firm would be best. Mr. Mattson says the qualifications are basically equal. He then looked at the size of the firm to decide who could dedicate their resources as it is an aggressive schedule with close milestones and he is looking to have the construction completed by November 15th. He was trying to figure the "best bang for the buck". He feels A.P. Associates would be his first choice and explains his background experience with Mr. Parand owner of this firm and feels we should go with him for a cost proposal. If they do not come up with an agreed cost then he would then recommend Wright-Pierce second and Woodard and Curran third. **Motion Made** by Roger Turner to concur with the recommendation of the Superintendent for a cost proposal with A.P. Associates first, Wright-Pierce second and Woodard and Curran third. Second by John Spillane. Vote 4-0-0.

Motion Made by John Spillane to go into executive session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, as he declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body. Second by David Sullivan. Vote: Spillane - aye, Turner – aye, Fettig - aye, and Sullivan – aye.

Motion Made by David Sullivan to come out of Executive Session. Second Roger Turner. Vote: : Spillane - aye, Turner – aye, Fettig - aye, and Sullivan – aye.

IRRIGATION REQUESTS

There are 2 requests for irrigation systems the first is Mr. Poodar of 7 Atlantic Ct. and the second is Mr. Tole of 45 Lexington Dr. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to approve both requests conditional on them meeting all the specifications made by the Superintendent. Second by David Sullivan. Vote 4-0-0.

Mr. Mattson would like to speak to the Board with regard to Barberry Homes which is the proposed 40B on Moosehill Rd. Apparently they do not want to run the risk of any delays. A meeting was thrown together with them and included Town Counsel, himself, the Asst. Town Administrator, Economic Developer and Building Inspector. It appears they are willing to work with the Town although they did not commit to going before the Zoning Board of Appeals. They would like to have a meeting with the Moosehill residents that would be strictly informational. They had previously requested that the affordable units be exempt from fees. There is discussion on what the fees would be and their thoughts on entertaining such a request. Mr. Mattson says he is just keeping the Board informed of what the future brings.

Motion Made by David Sullivan to adjourn. Second by Ken Fettig. Vote 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.